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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Subsequent to the Office Action issued on 24 August 2005, claims 1-13 and 23-27 are pending in the Application, and claims 14 – 22 have been cancelled. By this response to the Office Action, claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-13 and 23-27 remain in consideration.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Examiner stated that claims 2-13 and 23-27 were allowable. Inventors express appreciation for this acknowledgment of patentable subject matter.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Abe, et al. '637*, in view of *Urban '440* and *Frank '534*.

Claim 1 has been canceled, per the attached, in order to place this application in condition for allowance, and not for reasons related to patentability.

### **Conclusion**

Based upon all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 2-13 and 23-27 are in condition for allowance and that same be allowed to proceed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the contents of the present response, Applicants' attorney may be contacted at the phone number appearing below during normal business hours.

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